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original claim 9, amended ; original claims 1 to 8 and 10, unchanged ;
claim 11, added]**

9) Method for treating paper rolls or logs, comprising the steps of trimming off two reduced end portions (20) from each log (2) and of subdividing or cutting-off each log into more elements of smaller size, characterized in that the said trimming step is carried out upstream of where the cutting-off step is performed, said cutting-off step being performed by one or more cutting-off machines (T) which are fed with logs (2') already trimmed.

10) Method according to claim 9 characterized in that the said trimming step is carried out by an apparatus according to one or more claims 1-8.

11) Method according to claim 9 characterized in that the said trimming step is carried out by a trimming machine downstream of a rewinding machine (R).

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